## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

CONSTITUTION PIPELINE COMPANY, LLC

Plaintiff,

v.

A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR 1.93 ACRES AND TEMPORARY EASEMENTS FOR 1.96 ACRES IN RICHMONDVILLE, SCHOHARIE COUNTY, NEW YORK, TAX PARCEL NUMBER 91.-3-5, FRANCES D. MURPHY, et al.

Defendants.

**CIVIL ACTION** 

Case No. 1:14-cv-02014-NAM-RFT

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## **ORDER**

AND NOW, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015, upon consideration of Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment and the documents and arguments submitted in reference thereto, the Motion is hereby GRANTED.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Constitution Pipeline Company, LLC has the substantive right to condemn:

1. A permanent right of way and easement, containing 1.93 acres on Tax Parcel Number 91.-3-5 and 1.69 acres on Tax Parcel Number 91.-3-4, as described as "Area of Permanent Right of Way" in Exhibit A attached to the Verified Complaint, for the purpose of constructing, operating, maintaining, altering, repairing, changing the size of, replacing and removing a pipeline and all related equipment and appurtenances thereto (including but not limited to meters, fittings, tie-overs, valves, cathodic protection equipment and launchers and receivers) for the transportation of natural gas, or its byproducts, and other substances as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to the Natural Gas Act and the Order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission dated

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December 2, 2014, Docket Nos. CP13-499-000 and CP13-502-000, 149 FERC ¶ 61,199 (2014); together with all rights and benefits necessary or convenient for the full enjoyment or use of the right of way and easement. Defendants shall have a right of ingress and egress across the permanent right of way, but Defendants shall not build any permanent structures on said permanent right of way or any part thereof, shall not change the grade of said permanent right of way, or any part thereof, shall not plant trees on said permanent right of way, or any part thereof, or use said permanent right of way or any part thereof for a road, or use said permanent right of way or any part thereof in such a way as to interfere with Plaintiff's immediate and unimpeded access to said permanent right of way, or otherwise interfere with Plaintiff's lawful exercise of any of the rights herein granted without first having obtained Plaintiff's approval in writing, and Defendants will not permit others to do any of said acts without first having obtained Plaintiff's approval in writing, except that the landowner may, on each Tax Parcel, construct a single driveway that crosses the permanent right of way perpendicularly after providing reasonable notice to Plaintiff provided that Defendants do not excavate or change the grade of the permanent right of way during construction of said driveway. Plaintiff shall have the right to cut the driveway if necessary to access the pipeline, but will restore the driveway to its original condition. Within the permanent right of way, Plaintiff shall also have the right from time to time at no additional cost to Defendants to cut and remove all trees including trees considered as a growing crop, all undergrowth and any other obstructions that may injure, endanger or interfere with the construction and use of said pipeline and all related equipment and appurtenances thereto.

2. A permanent access easement, containing 0.42 acres on Tax Parcel Number 91.-3-4, as described as "Area of 50' Wide Permanent Access Road" in Exhibit A attached to the Verified Complaint, for the purpose of constructing, operating, maintaining, altering and repairing an access road for ingress, egress and regress to Plaintiff's permanent right of way and easement and its natural gas transmission pipeline together with a right of way and easement to construct, maintain, operate, repair, alter, replace and remove cathodic protection equipment and the necessary appurtenances thereto, such as but not limited to poles, guy wires, anchors, rectifiers, power lines, cables, deep well anode and anode ground beds, in the permanent access easement as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to the Natural Gas Act and the Order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission dated December 2, 2014, Docket Nos. CP13-499-000 and CP13-502-000, 149 FERC ¶ 61,199 (2014); together with all rights and benefits necessary or convenient for the full enjoyment or use of the right of way and easement. Further, Defendants shall not excavate, change the grade of or place any water impoundments or structures on the easement without the written consent of Plaintiff.

3. Temporary easements of 1.96 acres on Tax Parcel Number 91.-3-5 and 2.40 acres on Tax Parcel Number 91.-3-4, as described as "Area of Temporary Workspace" and "Area of Additional Temporary Workspace" in Exhibit A attached to the Verified Complaint, for use during the pipeline construction and restoration period only for the purpose of ingress, egress and regress and to enter upon, clear off and use for construction and all activities required by the Order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission dated December 2, 2014, Docket Nos. CP13-499-000 and CP13-502-000, 149 FERC ¶ 61,199 (2014).

IT IS SO ORDERED

Norman A. Mordue

Senior U.S. District Judge